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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

August 10, 2004

In September 2002, this Board directed the Department of Regional Planning, in consultation with the Department of Public Works and the local community, to review the County's current ordinances and make recommendations for new regulations limiting grading and controlling ridgeline development in the Santa Monica Mountains, consistent with the goals and policies of the Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan. The Regional Planning Commission has now forwarded a proposed amendment to the Santa Monica Mountains North Area Community Standards District, referred to as the Grading and Significant Ridgeline Ordinance, to this Board with a recommendation to adopt.

The local community was significantly involved in the process before the Commission with many people testifying both for and against the proposed ordinance. However, members of the public have recently raised issues concerning the appropriateness of the environmental review undertaken for the ordinance and whether additional environmental review may be appropriate in order to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA").

Before this ordinance is heard by the Board, I want to ensure that the County has checked and double-checked the appropriateness of the environmental review conducted to date.

I, THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Regional Planning, in consultation with the Office of County Counsel, reexamine the environmental review conducted for

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the proposed Grading and Significant Ridgeline Ordinance and take any action deemed appropriate to ensure compliance with CEQA, including any additional public circulation and disclosure.

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